TO THE SELECT AND COMMON COUNCILS OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

The Memorial of the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge.

Your memorialists respectfully request that such appropriation may be granted by your Honorable Bodies, as may be necessary for the maintenance of the House of Refuge, for the coming year. Aware of the state of the finances of the city, your memorialists will not ask for an amount which under a more prosperous condition of the Treasury, would be exceedingly desirable to receive, but restrict themselves to such a sum as, with the expected assistance from the Commonwealth and the labor of the inmates, will be absolutely necessary to sustain the Institution. The appropriation now solicited is for $23,000, which is $5,000 less than that granted for the year 1857.

It will be seen by the estimate herewith submitted, that more than Forty-Three Thousand Dollars will be requisite to support the Institution; and we think that the great economy practised by the Managers cannot fail to meet your approbation. We refer to the printed estimate to show that the salaries and other expenses are less than are paid in other Institutions. While it is hoped that a reduction will take place in the cost of provisions, the expense of the rapidly increasing number of inmates will more than counterbalance this reduction. It is a source of continual regret that it has been found impossible to procure employment for all the inmates,—scarcely half of them have been

occupied in the workshops; the inmates, however, are deriving advantage from increased scholastic instruction. It would be superfluous to enter into any argument to prove the great advantages the community, as well as the inmates, are deriving from this school of reformation; more than five thousand wayward children have enjoyed the benefits of this Institution, a large majority of whom, we believe, are now useful and respectable citizens; most of the others we doubt not have derived some advantage at least, from the instruction received by them while in the Refuge. It would afford the Board of Managers sincere pleasure, if the members of Council, when they have leisure, would visit this interesting and noble charity, and witness themselves the salutary effects it is accomplishing.

By order of the Board of Managers,

THOMAS EARP, *President.*

ALEXANDER HENRY, *Secretary.*

Philada., Nov. 10, 1857.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS FOR 1857.

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Treasurer, GEORGE W. FOBES.

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An Estimate of the Expenses of Maintaining the House of Refuge for the year 1858, *Predicated on the amount expended during the* 1*st*, 2*d and* 3*d quarters of the year* 1857.

IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR WHITE CHILDREN, viz.

For SUBSISTENCE: consisting of Wheat and Rye Flour, Indian Meal, Rice, Coffee, Tea, Molasses, Meat, Potatoes, &c., - - - - - -		$6,120 22
For SALARIES, viz.		
To the Superintendent, - - - -	900 00	
" Assistant Superintendent, - - -	450 00	
" Matron, - - - - -	300 00	
" Assistant Matron, - - - -	187 50	
" Two Male Teachers, @ $350 each, per annum,	525 00	
" One Male Teacher, @ $200, " "	150 00	
" One Female Teacher, @ $200, " "	150 00	
		2,662 50
For WAGES, viz.		
To the Engineer, - - - -	351 00	
" Assistant Engineer, - - - -	225 00	
" Watchman and Gardener, - - -	270 00	
" Gate Keeper, - - - -	144 00	
" Two Females to superintend Cooking, &c. -	195 00	
" Nurse, - - - - -	97 50	
		1,282 50
For CLOTHING for Boys and Girls, - - - -		2,309 50
Furniture, Books, &c. - - - - -		435 93
Gas, Candles and Oil, - - - - -		486 99
Hospital and Postage, - - - - -		67 83
Repairs and Improvements, - - - - -		794 08
Sundries, - - - - - - -		224 70
Water Rents, - - - - - -		157 50
Constables, for bringing Inmates, - - - -		180 46
Coal to warm the Buildings by steam, including the workshops, and for Cooking, &c., - - - -		1,534 00
		$16,256 21

FOR THE DEPARTMENT FOR COLORED CHILDREN, viz.

For SUBSISTENCE: consisting of Wheat and Rye Flour, Indian Meal, Molasses, Meat, Potatoes, &c. &c., -		$2,859 12
For SALARIES, viz.		
To the Superintendent. - - - -	750 00	
" Assistant Superintendent, - - -	375 00	
" Teacher of Boys' School, - - -	225 00	
" Teacher of Girls' School, - - -	150 00	
" Matron, - - - - -	225 00	
" Assistant Matron, - - - -	150 00	
		1,875 00
Carried over, - - - - -		$4,734 12

Brought forward,		$4,734 12
For WAGES, viz.		
To the Watchman,	135 00	
" Gate Keeper,	135 00	
" Nurse,	97 50	
" Cook and Assistant,	97 50	
		465 00
For Clothing, for Boys and Girls,		1,276 95
Fuel and Light,		715 63
Furniture, &c.,	255 38	
Books and Stationery,	69 91	
Water Rents,	39 37	
Repairs, &c.,	278 75	
Constables, for bringing Inmates,	48 00	
Hospital and Postage,	141 81	
Soap, &c.,	121 18	
Sundries,	177 92	
		1,132 32
		$8,324 02

FOR GENERAL EXPENSES, viz.

Salary for Bookkeeper and Agent,	450 00	
Rent for Office and Managers' Room,	135 00	
Wages for Baker,	354 00	
Wages for Coachman,	180 00	
Keeping Horses, Repairing Carriages, &c.,	426 91	
Sundry Expenses,	632 17	
Physician's Salary,	150 00	
Printing Annual Reports, Memorials, &c.,	242 19	
		$2,570 27

RECAPITULATION.

For the White Department,	$16,256 21	
For the Colored Department,	8,324 02	
For the General Expenses of both Departments,	2,570 27	
	$27,120 50	
To which add an estimate also of the Expenses for the 4th or last quarter of 1857, for both Departments,	9,040 00	
Interest and Ground Rent for 1858, on $37,500.*	2,250 00	
Claims due and unpaid prior to the commencement of the present year,	1,300 00	
		39,740 50

THE INCOME FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE INSTITUTION FOR 1857

From the City Treasury,	$28,000		
(From which deduct appropriation to pay off the floating debt of 1856,)	8,000		
		20,000 00	
From the State Treasury,		15,000 00	
From the Labor of the Boys, about		4,000 00	
			39,000 00
Deficiency,			740 50
To which add an Estimate for the probable increase of Inmates, in 1858.			3,000 00
Total Deficit,			$3,740 50

* The Ground Rent and Mortgege Debt of the House of Refuge amount to $37,500.

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